

# International Council of Ethnodoxologists (ICE)

... a network for culturally appropriate Christian worship

## ICE celebrates 5th anniversary!

This month marks five years since the founding of ICE at the first Global Consultation on Music and Missions in Dallas, TX. The celebration on October 19th at the home of board member Brian Schrag was full of all kinds of creative expression (as befitting a bunch of ICE-cycles). We read a number of letters which came in from around the US and across the nations, including United Kingdom, Pakistan, Brazil, and various non-specified creative access countries. There was over 50 people in attendance and we enjoyed each other's stories, songs, dances, and poems. It was an unforgettable evening, wonderfully summed up in the words of a song we sang together... "He has done marvelous things - Praise the Lord!" Check it out on this YouTube clip - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoelSalEcww> (thanks to our friends with King's Region Ministries in Dallas for the video clips).

Here are a few brief quotes from the encouraging letters we received (full texts and party photos will be available in the members-only part of the site by next month):

-- I am ever in your debt. You will probably never know before eternity even half of the ripple effects created by this initiative and in the process you have built such a great sense of camaraderie from which new initiatives happen.

--*Since 2006 I have been member of ICE and this group helped me in my questions, heard me with my opinions. But I think what was most important during these 2 years was the prayer support that I had from my brothers and sister in ICE....you have been helped me to share this new ministry of music and missions here in Brazil.*

--Living here in a VERY hot part of the world I'd be glad for some ICE right about now . . . I appreciate the organization and the desire it has to connect people across various groups and mission organizations...

-- *May Father continue to bless you as you minister in this wonderful way to all of us in the Body who embrace and celebrate the gift of the arts in and through our work and lives.*

## Web Resources

Do the people at your church actually sing or are they observers? There's a thought-provoking [article](#) embedded in this short commentary by John Piper -- worth checking out and discussing with others in your church.

Also check out (and even participate in) a series on "Missional Art" at this blog on "Christ-centered worship, the arts, and Japan" -<http://worshipandthearts.blogspot.com/>

Please consider linking ICE to your blog if you post ethnodoxology-related content! In addition, we're happy to include your e-dox related blog links on the ICE website. Write to: [rharris@worldofworship.org](mailto:rharris@worldofworship.org).

## EthnoDoxology Journal

A new issue of EthnoDoxology journal [<http://ethnodoxology.org>] is being published this week! It includes articles on scripture song workshops in Togo (with assorted madmen) and Bangladesh, plus this fascinating case study from the Middle East: "Dressed for Worship - Reflections on Worship in an International, Multi-cultural Church." And don't miss this soon-to-be-classic article by ICE Associate Glenn Stallsmith: "The First Noel as Funeral Song - Emotional Meanings of Borrowed Hymn Tunes." If you want some great, well-documented examples as to why translating western hymns is often a bad idea, check out this article! Christmas carols which celebrate the incarnational birth picking up the sociomusical association of a funeral - now there's something to read and discuss with your partners!

Remember that ICE Associates get a 25% discount on a subscription to the Journal as well as 10% off on back-issues. You can get your subscription online if you don't want a paper copy. The journal website has a dozen audio clips of songs referenced in this issue's articles alone. The EthnoDoxology Journal is a ministry of Artists in Christian Testimony. Questions about subscriptions to EthnoDoxology Journal can be sent to Cathy McAndrew at [ethn...@netscape.net](mailto:ethn...@netscape.net).

## Upcoming Events

**October 26** (Middletown, Conn): Annual lunch-time fellowship and meeting of the **Network of Christian Ethnomusicologists** at SEM. This year the Society for Ethnomusicology (SEM) is providing a Sunday picnic lunch "on the green" - come and join us if you're at SEM!

**November 13-15** (Atlanta, GA): "**With One Heart**" - digging deeper into the ideas of multicultural worship and unity in the Body of Christ (across lines of ethnicity, generation, denomination, etc.). This event is organized by ICE organizational partner *Proskuneo*. [www.withoneheart.info](http://www.withoneheart.info)

**January 16-17** (Dallas, TX): ICE is putting on a church-based "**Ethnodoxology Seminar**" (the first of several this year), to be hosted at [Meadows Baptist Church](#) in partnership with a number of other local churches and organizations, including [Mosaix Global Network](#). The initial plans for this event look very exciting! If you are in the area, put it on your calendar now! Details will follow in upcoming announcements. The ethnodoxology seminars are made possible through a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian worship, Grand Rapids, Michigan, with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

**January 29-31** (Grand Rapids, Michigan): **Worship Symposium** - put on annually by the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship. ICE associates living outside of North America and other internationals may qualify for a **full scholarship** (excepting travel costs). Contact [in...@worldofworship.org](mailto:in...@worldofworship.org) if you have questions.

## Worship Notes

The September issue focuses on the theme of "Worship in Spirit and Truth," and includes:

- \* **Theme article:** "A Tale of Two Mountains: Jesus on Worship (John 4)"
- \* **Quotables:** Quotations on the issue of worship in spirit and truth
- \* **Book Review:** *From Silence to Song: The Davidic Liturgical Revolution* by Peter Leithart
- \* **Global Worship:** Tom Avery *in Memoriam*
- \* Info on important upcoming worship events

Please click [HERE](#) to open PDF (left-click) or to download (right-click, "Save link as..."). Or go to the [Worship Resources](#) website.

**The ICE network exists to encourage and equip**

**Christ-followers in every culture to express their faith  
through their own heart music and other arts.**

**We facilitate online networking and provide resources  
for the development of culturally appropriate Christian worship,  
utilizing insights from ethnomusicology, missiology, worship studies and the arts.**

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